



**MORTAL KOMBAT**



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# GORO

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## PRINCE OF PAIN





HE WAS THE MASTER OF *MORTAL KOMBAT*,  
UNDEFEATED FOR THE PAST 500 YEARS.

THE PRINCE OF *SHOKAN*, REALM OF  
THE *OUTWORLD*, THOUGHT HIMSELF  
TO BE INVINCIBLE.

HE THOUGHT *WRONG*.

AND NOW, AS HIS LIFE FORCE  
EBBS AWAY, HIS MIND WANDERS  
BACK OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS.

THE FINAL DAYS OF...

# DOWN AND OUT IN OUTWORLD

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IT BEGAN WITH THE TOURNAMENT. IT BEGAN  
WITH *MORTAL KOMBAT*.

TO SERVE HIS MASTER--*SHANG TSUNG*--  
HE WOULD AGAIN FIGHT HIS WAY THROUGH  
THIS DEADLY CONTEST.



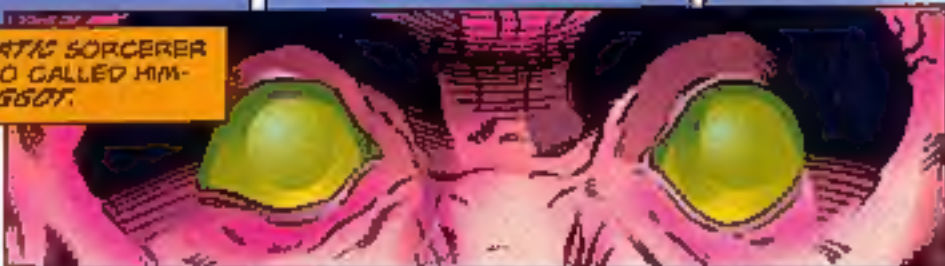
BUT SOMETHING *UNEXPECTED*  
HAPPENED THERE IN THE DUNGEON  
OF HIS LORD.

NIGHTY GORO WAS INEXPLICABLY  
WHISKED AWAY AT A MOST INOCCUPORTUNE  
MOMENT.



HE REAPPEARED IN A STRANGE LAND,  
FILLED WITH STRANGE BEINGS. THE  
TALKING CROW, *ROOK*, FOR ONE.

AS WELL AS A *LUNATIC* SORCERER  
OF SOME KIND WHO CALLED HIM-  
SELF *ZAGGOT*.







BUT THE STRANGEST  
CREATURE YET IS THE  
ONE THAT ZAGGOT  
JUST CONJURED UP...

...THE ONE THAT HE DUBBED  
THE KOMBATANT.



SURELY  
YOU JEST,  
OLD  
FOOL.



THIS  
MONSTROSITY  
CANNOT—  
URK!



ARRRRGGGGSSHHH



HAEEEEESSSSHHHH



HE COMBINES THE SKILLS AND ABILITIES  
OF EARTH'S MIGHTIEST WARRIORS.

GUUURRRKKK...

FWAAH

JOHNNY CASE, KANO, SUB-ZERO.



LIU KANG, SONYA BLADE, SCORPION GORO

HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA

EVEN THE THUNDER GOD RAYDEN.

UGGGGHHHHH





MASTER--  
YOUR KOMBATANT  
IS *BEATING*  
GORO.



THE  
KOMBATANT IS  
*SPECTACULAR*,  
MY LORD.

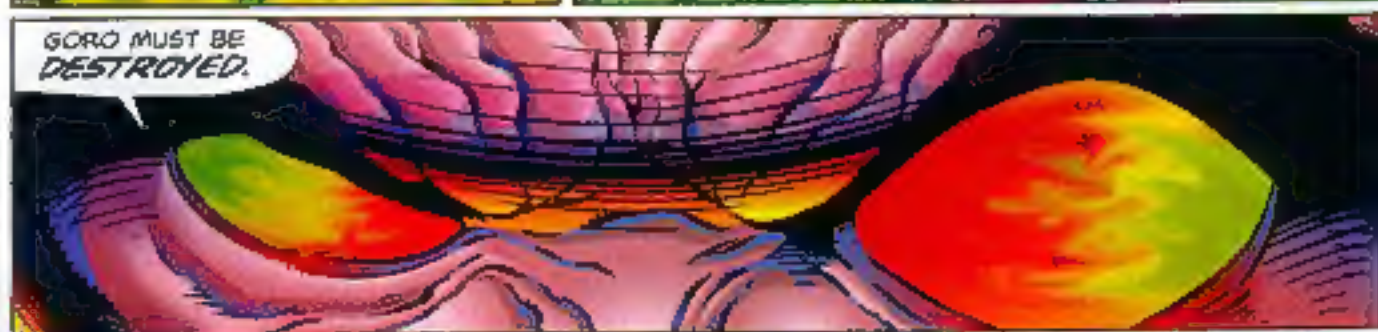
LOOK AT  
THE *ANTS*,  
ROCK. THEY  
LOOK SO... OUT  
OF STEP.

YET  
EACH ONE  
FOLLOWS A  
RIGID PATH OF  
*CONFORMITY*.

I *DETEST*  
THEM. I SPIT  
ON THEIR PALTRY  
AND WORTHLESS  
EXISTENCE.



BEATING HIM?  
WHY... THAT'S NO  
GOOD AT ALL.



GORO MUST BE  
*DESTROYED*.



"WE ARE USHERING IN AN AGE OF *DESPERATION*  
AND *CHAOS*, ROCK."

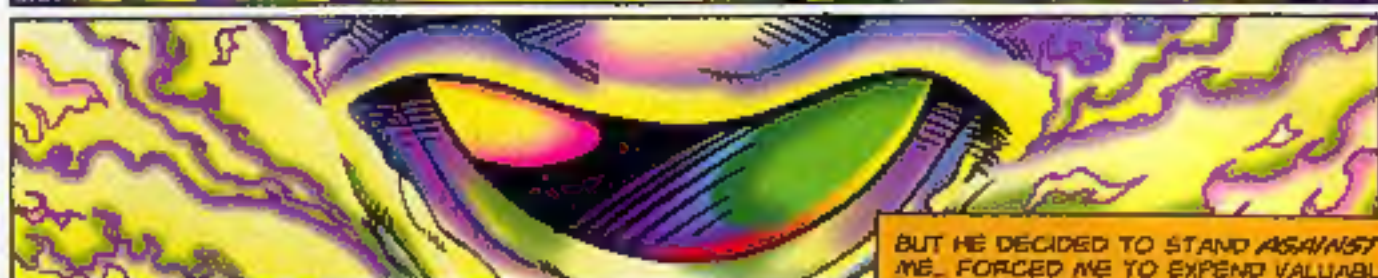
"AND IT SHALL WIPE ITS BLOODY FEET ON  
GORO'S WORTHLESS *CARCASS*."



I HAD HOPED THAT LORD GORO COULD SERVE AS MY TOOL FOR RINGING IN THIS NEW DAY.



BUT HE DECIDED TO STAND AGAINST ME, FORCED ME TO EXPEND VALUABLE ENERGY CREATING A NEW AGENT OF CHAOS.



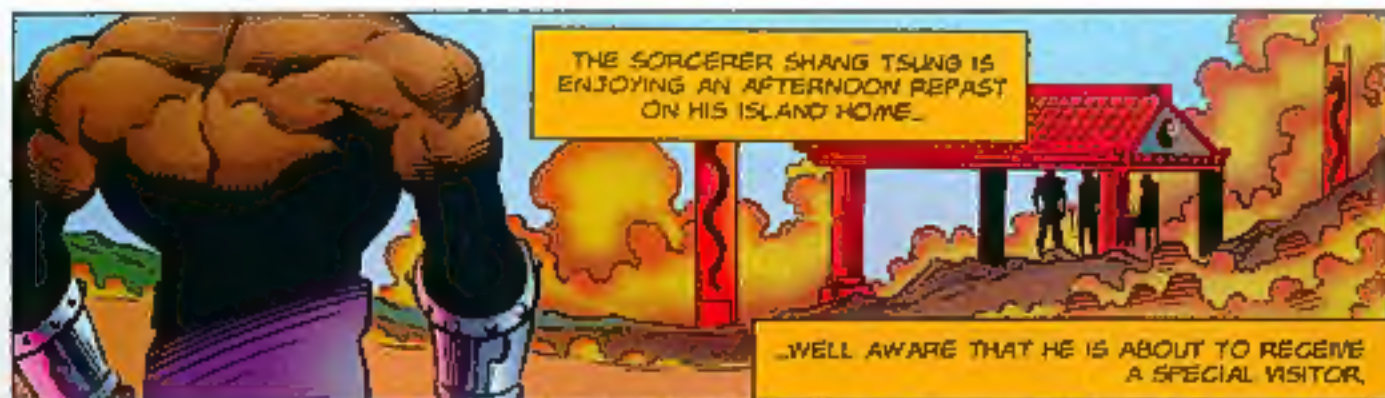
WELL, I GUESS GORO IS LEARNING A VALUABLE LESSON RIGHT NOW.



WHEN YOU STAND AGAINST THE WINDS OF CHANGE...

SOMETIMES YOU GET BLOWN AWAY.





THE SORCERER SHANG TSUNG IS  
ENJOYING AN AFTERNOON REPAST  
ON HIS ISLAND HOME...

...WE'LL AWARE THAT HE IS ABOUT TO RECEIVE  
A SPECIAL VISITOR.



COME,  
COME. WE'VE BEEN  
EXPECTING  
YOU, YOUNG  
MAN.

I'M HAPPY  
TO SEE THAT  
YOU SURVIVED YOUR  
ACCIDENT  
AT SEA.

LISTEN:  
MY NAME IS  
**MAJOR  
JACKSON  
BRIGGS,**  
U.S. SPECIAL  
FORCES.

I'M LOOKING  
FOR AN AMERICAN  
FEMALE. NAME'S  
**SONYA  
BLADE.**


YOU  
MUST BE  
FAMISHED.  
SIT AND EAT;  
THEN WE SHALL  
TALK.














SANG  
TSUNG CAN  
SEND YOU THERE,  
IF YOU WISH.



THEN  
WHAT ARE  
YOU WAITING  
FOR?



WHEN YOU  
FIND GORO, TOUGH  
THIS STONE AND  
SPEAK MY  
NAME.




REMEMBER,  
IF YOU HOLD OUT  
ANY HOPE FOR  
FINDING YOUR  
FRIEND...

...YOU  
MUST FIND  
GORO  
FIRST.

THERE...  
ANOTHER  
PLAYER  
JOINS THE  
FRAY.

SURELY  
ONE OF THEM  
WILL FIND MIGHTY  
GORO SOON.



AND THEN  
**MORTAL  
KOMBAT**  
SHALL BEGIN  
IN *EARNEST*.



FAR, FAR AWAY

WHERE AM I?

SNNNNH!

WHATT  
WHAT DO  
YOU SAY TO  
ME?!

YOUNG  
MAN, I'LL  
HAVE TO ASK  
YOU TO BE  
QUIET

"AFTER ALL YOU'RE IN THE LIBRARY

"THE LIBRARY OF ORDER"





YOU'LL  
HAVE TO  
PARDON OUR  
GUEST *RUSS*  
BISHOP

HE DOESN'T  
LOOK LIKE HE'S  
SPENT *MUCH* OF  
HIS LIFE IN  
LIBRARIES.

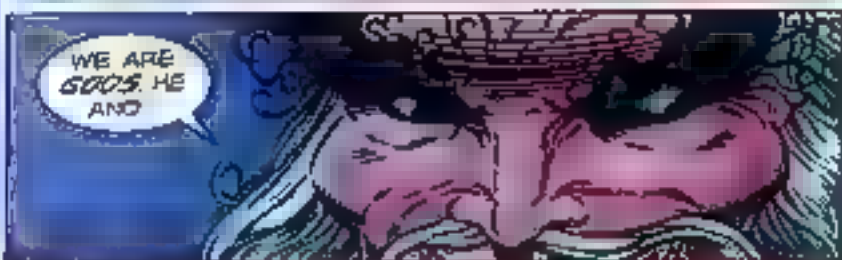
WELCOME  
TO MY HOME,  
GORO MY NAME  
IS *ABACUS*.



YOU LOOK  
YOU LOOK  
VAGUELY  
*FAMILIAR*



YES, YOU  
HAVE MET MY  
BROTHER,  
*ZASSOT*



WE ARE  
*GOOS*. HE  
AND



BAK, THIS DAY HAS BEEN  
FILLED WITH THE BLATHERINGS  
OF CRAZY MEN.

WELL,  
GORO HAS HAD  
*ENOUGH*



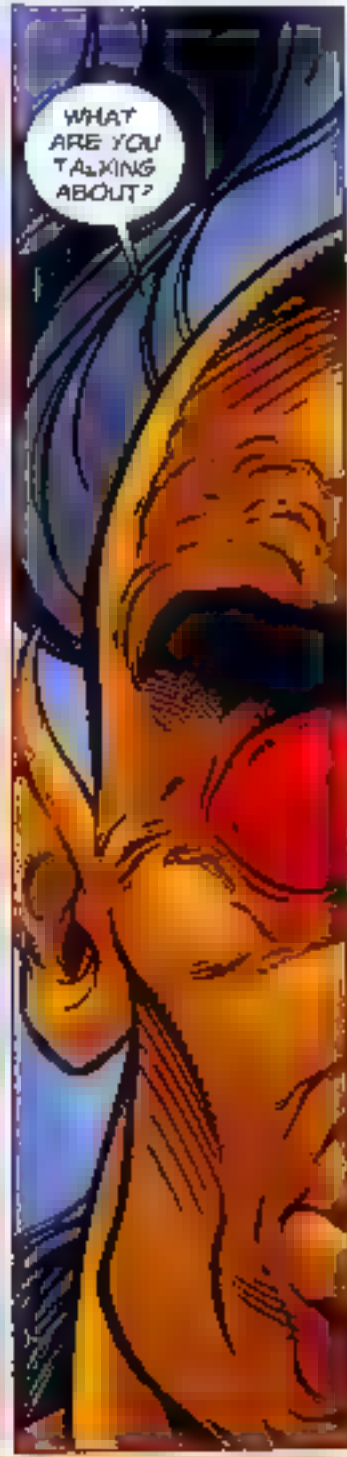


TSK TSK  
I REALLY  
WISH YOU HAD  
NOT DONE THAT  
GORO

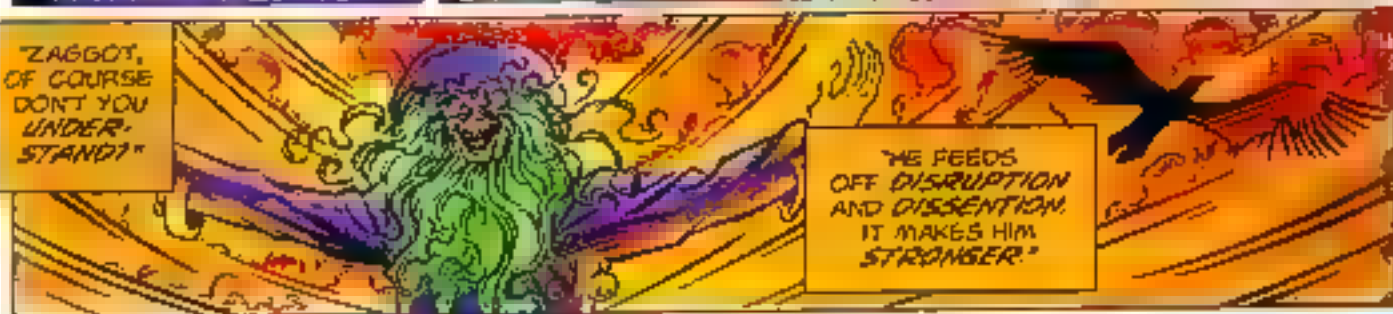


YOU'VE JUST  
DISRUPTED A  
MULTITUDE OF  
EVENTS ACROSS  
MANY DIFFERENT  
WORLDS.

AND IN THE  
PROCESS, YOU'VE  
MADE HIM THAT MUCH  
MORE POWERFUL



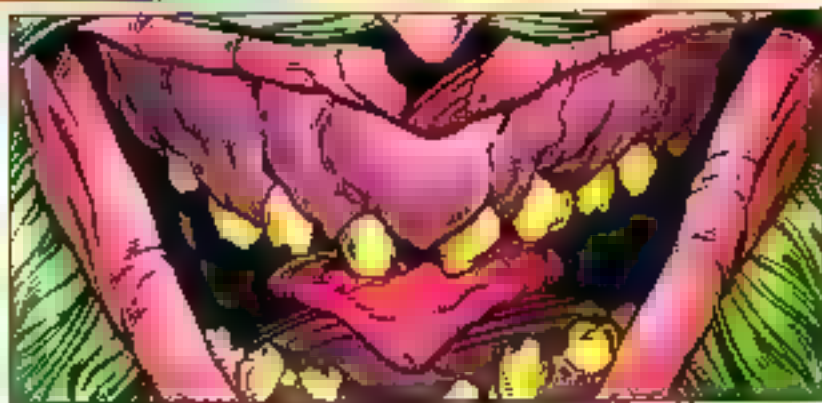
WHAT  
ARE YOU  
TALKING  
ABOUT?



"ZAGGOT,  
OF COURSE  
DON'T YOU  
UNDER-  
STAND?"

"HE FEEDS  
OFF DISRUPTION  
AND DISSENTION.  
IT MAKES HIM  
STRONGER."

"HE IS  
A GOD,  
GORO"



"THE GOD OF  
CHAOS."

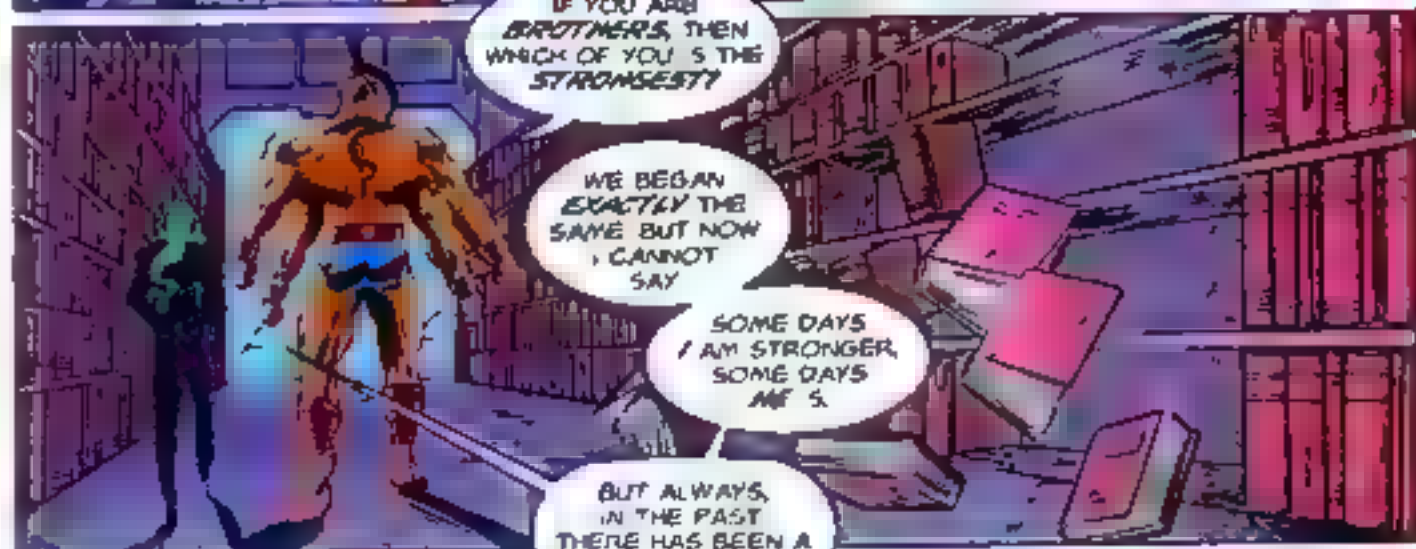




THEN YOU  
ARE ?

I AM **FACTS**  
AND **RULES** AND **LIFE**  
AND **LAW'S**.

I AM  
**ABACUS**,  
THE LORD OF  
**ORDER**.

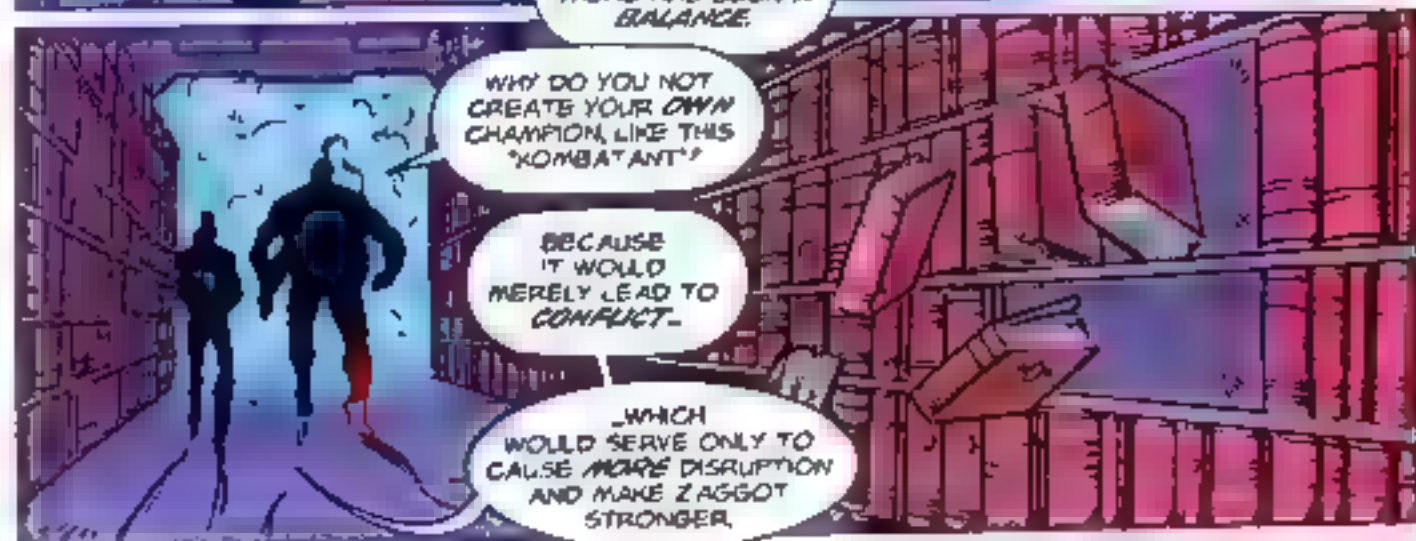


IF YOU ARE  
**BROTHER'S**, THEN  
WHICH OF YOU IS THE  
**STRONGEST?**

WE BEGAN  
**EXACTLY** THE  
SAME BUT NOW  
I CANNOT  
SAY

SOME DAYS  
I AM STRONGER,  
SOME DAYS  
HE IS.

BUT ALWAYS,  
IN THE PAST  
THERE HAS BEEN A  
**BALANCE**.



WHY DO YOU NOT  
CREATE YOUR OWN  
CHAMPION, LIKE THIS  
"KOMBATANT"?

BECAUSE  
IT WOULD  
MERELY LEAD TO  
**CONFLICT**—

WHICH  
WOULD SERVE ONLY TO  
CAUSE **MORE** DISRUPTION  
AND MAKE **ZAGGOT**  
STRONGER.




THEN WHAT NOW?

**ZAGGOT'S**  
UNPREDICTABILITY  
MAKES HIM, WELL,  
ALMOST  
PREDICTABLE

I HAVE LONG  
SUSPECTED THAT  
HE WOULD ATTEMPT  
SOMETHING SUCH  
AS THIS

SO I BEGAN  
MAKING  
**PREPARATIONS**  
MAKING  
**PLANS**.






AND WHAT  
IS MY ROLE  
IN THESE  
"PLANS"?




YOU, GORD,  
YOU ARE THE  
KEY



I HAVE  
CREATED  
THE PERFECT  
WEAPON OF  
ORDER



IT SEEMS  
ONLY FITTING  
THAT NOW  
MUST EN-  
TRUST T...



TO SOME-  
ONE WITH AS  
CHAOTIC A  
NATURE AS  
YOURSELF



I LIKE T,  
ABACUS.

I LIKE  
T A LOT





ALL AROUND YOU IS THE LIVING  
FOREST OF OUTWORLD. LISTEN

HERE THE TREES MOAN A LOW SONG, FILLED  
WITH BITTERNESS AND DESPAIR

LIL KANG  
HAS LOST BLOOD  
- TOO MUCH OF  
IT

BUT HE  
WILL NOT DIE  
THIS DAY

NOT IF  
KUNG LAD CAN  
HELP IT

APPARENTLY  
THE COWARD  
KANG STABBED  
HIM IN THE  
BACK

AND NOW THIS ORDER OF LIGHT WARRIOR'S  
LAST HOPE

IS A MAN  
WHOSE NAME HAS  
BECOME SYNONYMOUS  
WITH FAILURE



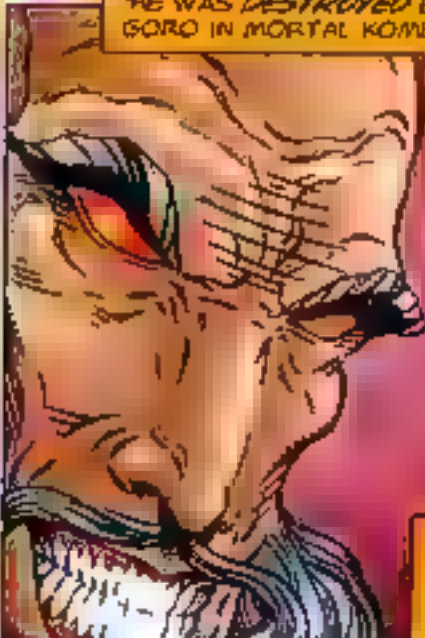
"THE ORIGINAL KUNG LAO WAS THE ORDER  
OF LIGHT'S GREATEST CHAMPION."



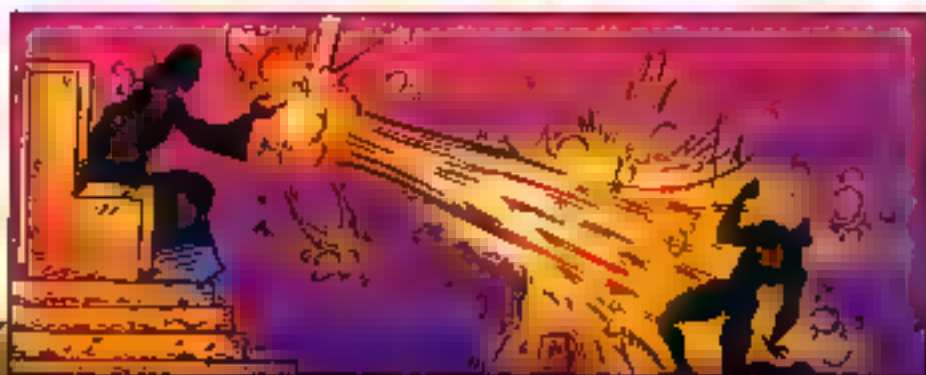
"YET HE WAS GUILTY... GUILTY  
OF THE SIN OF PRIDE"



"HE WAS DESTROYED BY  
GORO IN MORTAL KOMBAT"



"HIS VERY  
SOUL WAS  
STOLEN  
BY THE EVIL  
SHANG  
TSUNG"




"EACH GENERATION OF THE  
LAO FAMILY HAS MET WITH  
FAILURE"




"AS IF WE ARE RELIVING THE  
ORIGINAL KUNG LAO'S SHAME"






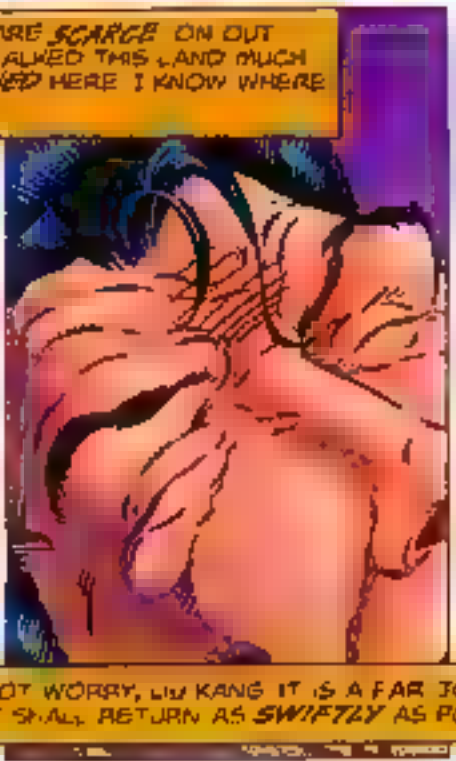
PERHAPS THE FIRES  
MY FAMILY HAVE GONE  
THROUGH WERE  
CREATED BY THE GODS.



"TO FORGE ONE WHOSE  
STRENGTH AND WILL  
WOULD BE UNMATCHED  
PERHAPS."



THE HEALING HERBS ARE SCARCE ON OUR  
WORLD, BUT I HAVE WALKED THIS LAND MUCH  
SINCE BEING BANISHED HERE I KNOW WHERE  
THEY CAN BE FOUND



DO NOT WORRY, LIU KANG IT IS A FAR JOURNEY.  
BUT I SHALL RETURN AS SWIFTLY AS POSSIBLE



FOR I HAVE SWORN TO DO WHAT  
I CAN TO SAVE YOUR LIFE

AND KING LAO SHALL NOT FAIL



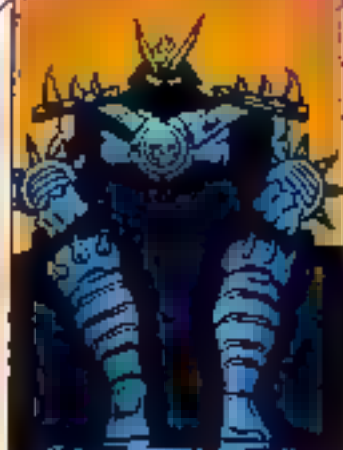
MEANWHILE, ON THE WASTED  
PLAINS OF OUTWORLD.

DID YOU  
SEE THAT? HE  
SLAUGHTERED A  
WHOLE HOARD OF  
MUTANTS WITH-  
OUT BREAKING A  
SWEAT

HE IS  
BEAUTIFULLY  
ABSURD--  
POWERFUL AND  
PURPOSELESS

HE'S A  
HURRICANE  
WITH STAYING-  
POWER. A  
RANDOM TANDEM  
MAYHEM  
MAKER

THE  
CRUISER BRUISER,  
THE MASTER  
BLASTER



WHERE TO NOW,  
LORD ZAGGOT?

WHERE TO?  
WHERE TO  
INDEED, MISTER  
ROCK.

"NOW IT'S TIME TO REALLY START  
SHAKING THINGS UP ROCK."

"NOW WE PAY A VISIT TO THE DAUGHTERS  
OF SHAD KAHN."



OUTWORLD  
IS NOT WITH-  
OUT ITS OWN  
PROTECTORS,  
EVIL ONE

I AM KITANA,  
AND THESE ARE  
BARAKA, MILEENA  
AND REPTILE.

YOU SHALL  
NOT REACH SHAO  
KHAN WHILE BREATH  
REMAINS IN US.



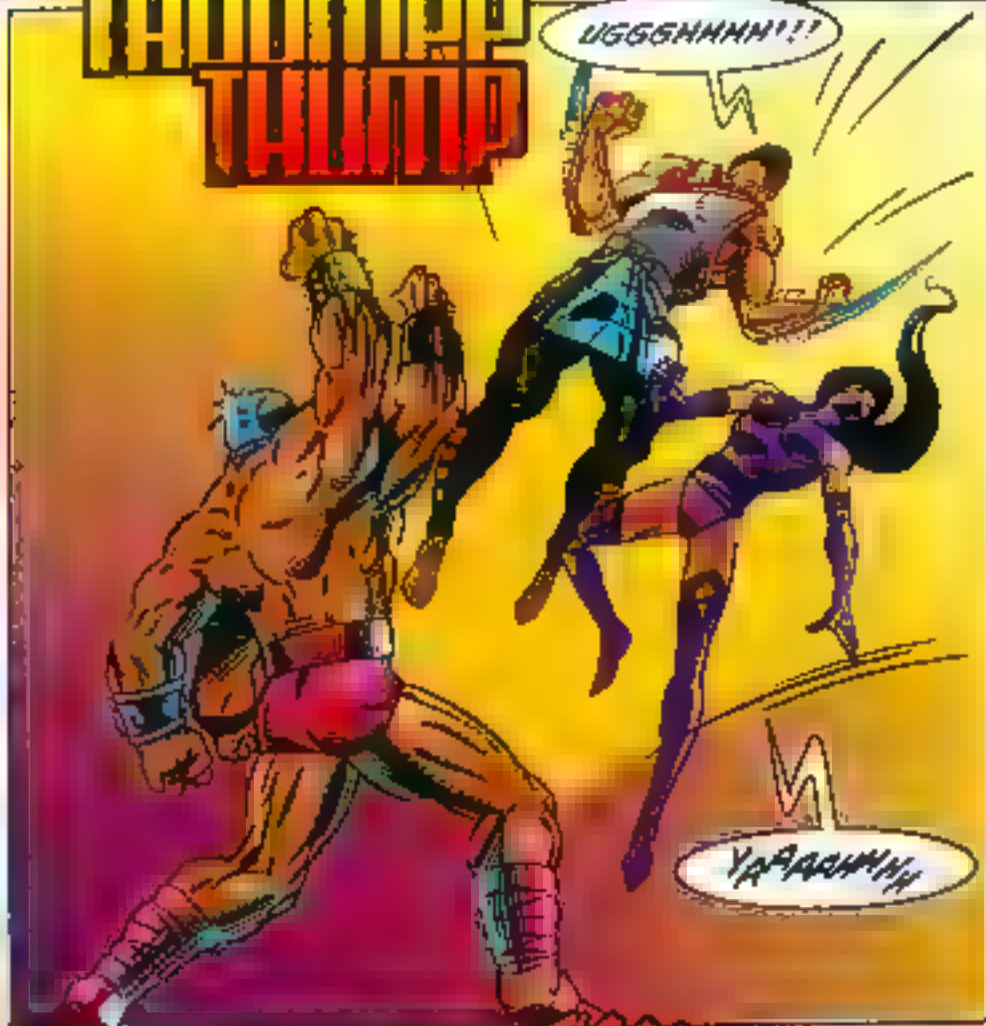
**THUMP  
THUMP**

UGGGHHNN!!!

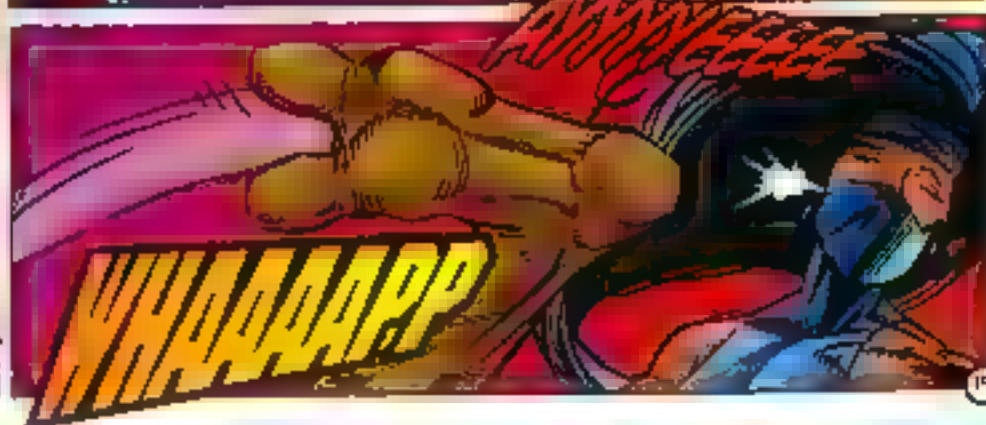


MORE PLAY-  
THINGS FOR MY  
KOMBATANT

MORE FUEL  
FOR THE ULTIMATE  
ENGINE OF CHAOS.



YAAAAHHH




**WHAAAAAP**







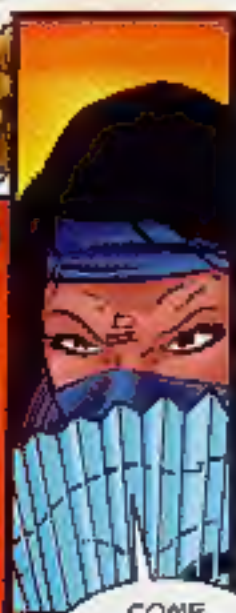


YOU HAVE  
DISPATCHED  
THE WEAKEST  
OF US ALL,  
MONSTER.

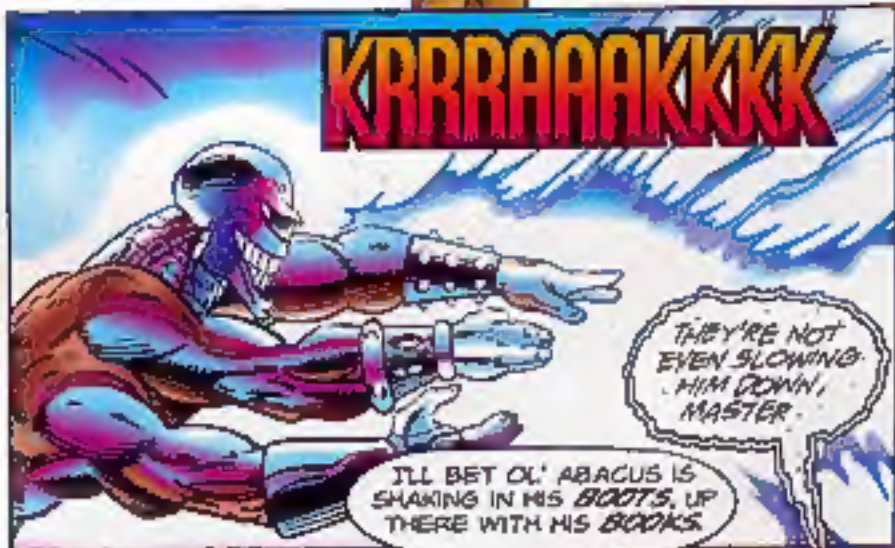
BUT MILEENA  
AND I ARE THE  
DAUGHTERS OF  
THE SHAO KAHN, AND  
WILL NOT FALL SO  
EASILY.

THAT IS  
CORRECT,  
KITANA.

THOUGH OUR  
"FATHER" DOES NOT  
TRUST YOU AS MUCH  
AS YOU MIGHT  
THINK.



COME,  
BEAST, I HAVE  
A SURPRISE  
WAITING FOR  
YOU.



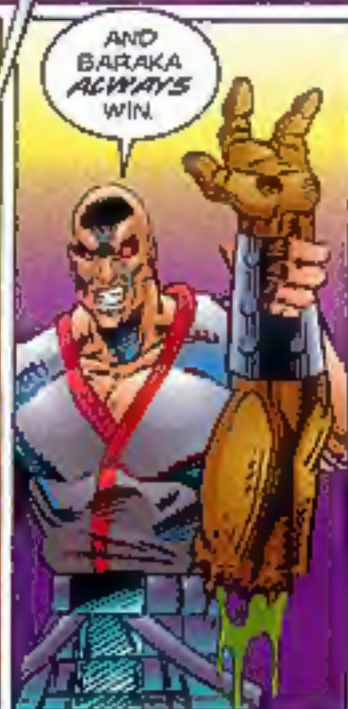
THEY'RE NOT  
EVEN SLOWING  
HIM DOWN,  
MASTER.

I'LL BET OL' ABACUS IS  
SHAKING IN HIS BOOTS, UP  
THERE WITH HIS BOOKS.

AS WE TEAR OUT  
THE CHAPTERS, PAGE BY  
PAGE, ONE BY ONE.











WHERE ARE  
YOU, MY WELL-  
BEHAVED AND  
STRAIGHT-LACED  
BROTHER?

SURELY YOU  
WILL NOT LET THE  
AGE OF MISRULE  
BEGIN WITHOUT A  
STRUGGLE.



WHO ARE  
YOU SPEAKING  
TO, MASTER?



OH, HE  
HEARS ME,  
HE MOST  
DEFINITELY  
HEARS ME.



YOUR  
BROTHER  
SENDS HIS  
REGARDS,  
ZAGGOT.



YOU??

HE'S GOING  
TO USE YOU FOR  
HIS TOOL?



THAT'S WHAT  
I THOUGHT, TOO,  
ZAGGOT. THAT GORO  
WOULD MAKE A MOST  
UNFITTING AGENT  
FOR THE GOD OF  
ORDER.

BUT ABACUS  
HAS A *THEORY*  
ONE THAT GORO  
PLANS TO PUT  
TO A TEST.  
SOOOO...

LET'S GET  
**GOING.**

NEXT:

**"ARMED & DANGEROUS"**